

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

November 7, 2001

The Honorable Tom Daschle
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senate Majority Leader Daschle:

Two weeks ago after much deliberation and a spirited debate, the House passed an economic growth package to help ensure every American has a job. While we understand Democrats and Republicans may have different views on the best way to create jobs, we should be able to agree on the need to debate the issue and act quickly.

We regret that the Senate has not acted on any economic growth package and urge you to reconsider your statement that such legislation should not be a "front-burner" issue. For most Americans, there is no greater "front-burner" issue than having a job.

Thousands of Americans have lost their jobs since your decision not to act two weeks ago. Business investment has declined 11.9%, reducing GDP growth by 1.5 % points, leading to a negative 0.4% rate in the third quarter of 2001. Now more than ever we need to enact tax relief focused on encouraging investment and growing the economy.

We urge you not to stand in the way of Americans getting their jobs back. Let the legislative process continue. Put a bill on the Senate floor, debate the issues, vote on amendments and pass an economic growth package for the American people. We stand ready to resolve any differences that may arise between the House and Senate bills.

Sincerely,

Members of Congress
Signing Congressman Kevin Brady's
November 7, 2001
Letter to Senator Daschle
Regarding Economic Security

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